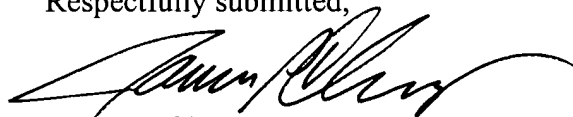


REMARKS

New claims 18-28 are submitted herewith for entry and examination. The present application is a Continuation of Application No. 09/028,088 and includes claims 1-17, which are hereby canceled. A Preliminary Amendment was filed on January 21, 2000 to add claims 1-11 that correspond to claims 1-5, 7-9 and 11-13 from the parent application, which are also hereby canceled. These amendments are submitted to correct errors in claim numbering. No new matter is entered by these amendments.

Applicants believe those claims now pending in this application are in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

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